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Sir:

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A2	9-85993	3/31/97	JAPAN			Abstract	

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